

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Brian K. Balzum et al.

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Examiner: Nguyen, Victor X.

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By Kathleen L. Boekley

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith. Also enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to February 27, 2004. This extension period is based on the mailing date of the Advisory Action after submission of a priority response.

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The RCE fee (37 CFR §1.17(e)) in the amount of \$770.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K. Balzum et al.

By their Attorney,

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By Kathley & Bockley

Kathleen L. Bockley

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continuation (RCE) in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 23, 2004 and the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003. Also accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to extend the response deadline to February 27, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that only a one-month extension is necessary because a first reply to the Final Office Action was mailed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, and the Advisory Action was not mailed until February 20, 2004, which was after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period. Therefore, the shortened statutory period expired on the date the Advisory Action was mailed. If, however, it is determined that additional extensions of time are necessary, please consider this paper a petition for the necessary extensions of time.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks: